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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Matthew Stanley Jackson, age 28, of Clinton, Maryland, was sentenced to 255 months' imprisonment before the Honorable James C. Cacheris, United States District Judge, for possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base, commonly known as "crack" cocaine, and for discharging a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

The sentence stems from Jackson's shooting of an individual in Alexandria, Virginia, on November 29, 2002. Jackson shot the victim four times with a 9 mm semiautomatic pistol, leaving him seriously wounded. Prior to the shooting, Jackson had distributed crack cocaine in and around public housing in the Olde Town West neighborhood of Alexandria. Jackson was arrested by the Alexandria Police Department and was charged by the U.S. Attorney's Office as part of a joint investigation with the Commonwealth Attorney's Office into drug distribution and related violent crimes in Olde Town West.

Mr. McNulty stated: "This case demonstrates how law enforcement is making the Alexandria community safer. When the feds work closely with local law enforcement, the most dangerous criminals get locked up for a long time."

Also making the announcement is S. Randolph Sengel, Commonwealth's Attorney in Alexandria, Virginia.

The investigation was conducted by agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael Leiter and Special Assistant United States Attorney Sonya Sacks.

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